

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
 Father Thomas F. Clark, S.J.



LENT 2019

- Daily Mass:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri: 12:10 PM; Tues. and Fri.: 7:30 AM; MLK Chapel
- Adoration and Benediction** after Tuesday, 12:10 PM Mass. MLK Chapel.
- Stations of the Cross:** Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) at 6:00 PM in the Activity Center
- Rosary:** Wednesdays at 4:00 PM in the Ministry Building
- Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Building
- Book Discussion:** March 26 and April 9 in the Ministry Building
- Walking Warriors:** Saturdays at 7:50 AM beginning at MLK
- Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM in the Activity Center

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

The second of our three discussion groups on the Lenten book, *Perfectly Yourself*, will take place on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Building. We will be discussing chapters 4, 5, and 6. The third meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 9.

BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Bible Study takes place each Monday evening at 7:00-8:00 PM in the Ministry Building. Each week we preview the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. We study, reflect, discuss and pray about them. Last Monday, we happily welcomed new members. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring your Bible and a friend!



This Week's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray for my friend today, knowing she needs encouragement. Lifting my heart, may I not fail, either, to reach my hand to hers, just as you are holding mine. **Amen.**

Announcements and Upcoming Events

**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 NEXT SUNDAY**

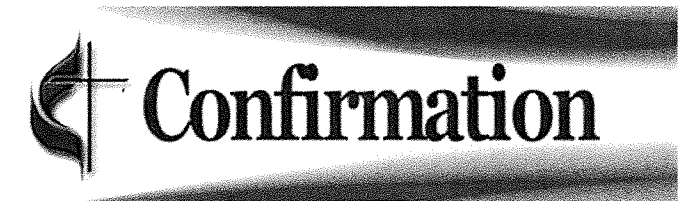
We will have a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on next Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM. All those who are experiencing illness or weakness at this time are invited to celebrate this sacrament of healing and strengthening.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 (CONFESSION)**

There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11. On Wednesday it will be at Saint Paul the Apostle and on Thursday at Immaculate Conception. Both nights confessions will be heard from 5:00-7:00 PM. Fr. Andrus and Fr. Clark will be hearing confessions on both evenings. Confession is also available each Saturday from 3:00-3:30 PM.

**SUPPORT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY:
 RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL**

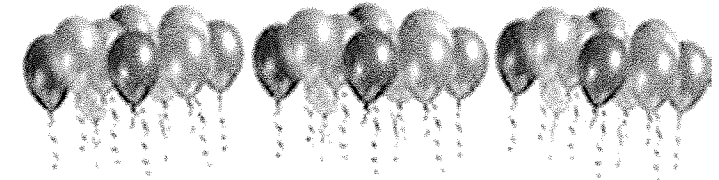
Support Southern University by casting a vote in the Retool Your School contest sponsored by Home Depot. The top three school in each cluster will be considered for funding to upgrade their campus. You can vote as many times as you want. SU is now in fourth place in its cluster. Your vote can help it move up into contention. Voting lasts until April 14. Vote for Southern early and often at retoolyourschool.com SU is in cluster 1.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Chandler Bias, Lia Broussard, Elton DeRouen, London Drummond, Kalli Gregory, Landon Hunt, Faith Patin, Aliyah Wilcox, and Alexander Wilson.

Happy Birthday



DINAH	RIGGS	3/24
T'SEAN	WALLACE	3/24
TAMARA	COLEMAN	3/25
ANIYAH	HILL	3/25
THOMAS	BENNETT	3/25
JOYCE	TURNLEY	3/25
LACOSHA	BRUMFIELD	3/26
MARILYN	CRAIG	3/26
BROOKLYNN	SINGLETON	3/26
ANITA	WILLIAMS	3/26
JOSEPHINE	DIKE	3/27
SHANNA	BATISTE	3/28
GLENDA	MCKNIGHT	3/28
VICTOR	MITCHELL	3/28
JAMES	SMITH	3/28
LOIS	AIKENS	3/29
BYRON	DEROUEN	3/29
ARIELLE	LEWIS	3/29
WARNER	ANDERSON	3/30
JANIA	GARNER	3/30
EVER	JARREAU	3/30
TONYA	JOINER	3/30
GLADYS	PAUL	3/30
KYLA	WILLIS	3/30

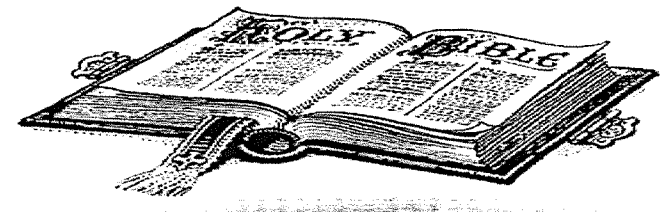
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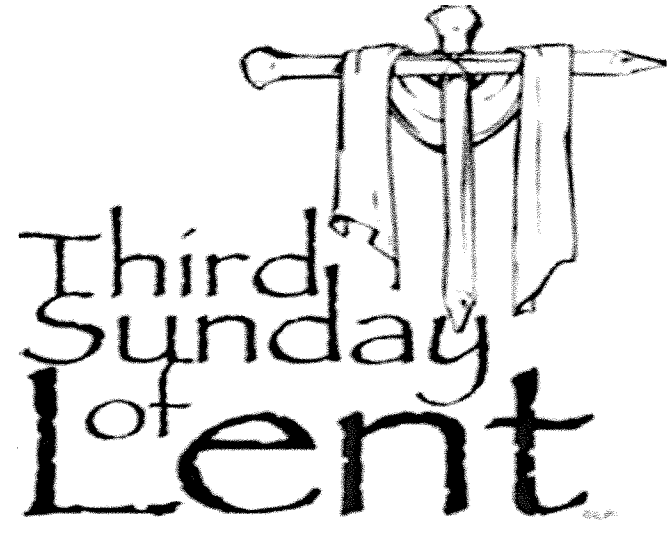
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JUNIOR
 KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS FOR IMPRESSIVE
 WINS AT STATE CONFERENCE**

We congratulate the Junior Knights and Daughters who won ten first place wins, two second place, and one third place at the State Conference last weekend. Congratulations to First Place Math: Keaton Jackson and Robert Gibson; First Place Dramatic Interpretation: Jerrica Eaglin; First Place Singing: Leanne Morrison and Naomi Winder; First Place Instrumental: Reginald and Joshua Morrison; Joshua Morrison; First Place Banner Competition: Court 116; First Place Debate Competition: Branch and Court 116; Second Place Math: Jacob Freeman; Second Place Group Dance: James and Jacob Freeman; Leanne Morrison-Third Place Photo Collage. Kudos also to Commander Gerald Berzat, Counselor Katrina Freeman, Assistant Counselor, Dianne Allison and



Mass Readings
March 24th - March 31st
Sunday
 Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
 Gospel: Luke 13:1-9
Monday
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Psalm 40; Heb.10:4-10
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday
 Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25
 Gospel: Matt. 18:21-35
Wednesday
 Dt. 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147
 Gospel: Matt. 5:17-19
Thursday
 Jer. 7:23-28; Psalm 95
 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23
Friday
 Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81
 Gospel: Matt. 12:28-34
Saturday
 Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51
 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
Sunday
 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Cor. 17-21

Forms for new parishioners or changes are located in the vestibule of the church.



CANDIDATES FOR EASTER SACRAMENTS



Janice Coleman

Immaculate Conception is an awesome church located in a small town where I was raised and grew up. When I enter the church, I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. The parishioners make you feel warm and welcome. The chorus bounce and Father Clark's homily always seems to teach me a valuable lesson. I leave each Mass feeling uplifted with a closer connection to God.

Paris Coleman

What moved me to become a member at Immaculate Conception was the wrong choices in faith. My grandmother was Baptist and my mother made me go to church as a kid and there are some kids that loved it but I wasn't one of them. The more I went to my old church (Little Zion Baptist Church), the more I began to despise religion. After her passing in 2009, I stopped going for a while and eventually began bouncing around from church to church and thought about just changing my faith completely, but not drastically. So Catholicism was my choice. My mom said her aunt was a member of one that was close. So we tried it out and realized we loved it and it just so happened to be Immaculate Conception. It's not a forced religion and it almost demands that you question it and learn more for yourself. It's a choice I made and it's not one that I regret.



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Cornel Sims

What moved me to become a member of Immaculate Conception? For years I had been absent from church and I felt a void was missing. I had Jesus in my life but I didn't have a foundation. I asked my mother, Anita Williams, how I could become Catholic, and what it took. She told me about Father Clark and his humble and worldly demeanor and she also told me about Pope Francis, about how he cared so much about people, not just Catholics and Christians, but the world. I saw Pope Francis and read about him many times in the news; about how much he wanted the human race to excel. That moved me and made me want to join. I attended Mass several times and I liked it, but on Christmas of 2018 Father Clark message took my faith in God and the Catholic Church to a new level and that's when I said I want to become Catholic and I want to be apart of this church.

Pamela Taylor

First, let me say I am very grateful to have found Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. My first visit to the church was about two years ago. My daughter was attending Louisiana State University at the time, and informed me about a wonderful Catholic church she had located in Scotlandville. I attended a 10:30a.m. Mass with my daughter and I have been attending Mass every since. I was moved to become a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church because Father Clark is an amazing priest. He shows love and kindness to each parishioner, his radiant smile always greets you before and after Mass. Father Clark brings forth the gospel in a way that everyone can understand and receive the message God is speaking to his people. Also, the parishioners at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church are very welcoming and display love to visitors and members. Finally, the church is a positive place in a negative world offering a great place to worship and fellowship.

Courtney Urbina

My husband is Catholic and attended Southern University and that is how we learned about Immaculate Conception. When I graduated from Xavier in 2010, I moved to Baton Rouge and I was in search of a church home. I was raised Baptist but always attended Catholic school. I went to Mass with my husband and instantly fell in love with Immaculate Conception. Everyone was welcoming and I loved the music and Father Clark's sermons. I have always been interested in the Catholic faith due to half of my family being Catholic. Now that I am older and a mother I have decided to focus more on my spiritual well being. I realized that now is the time to begin my Catholic faith journey and instantly I knew that Immaculate Conception would be the perfect place to grow my faith.

